

*Homegoing Celebration for a True Servant
Minister Charles Lee Smith*

Sunrise: May 7, 1938

Sunset: March 7, 2016

*He served God
Served his wife
Served his family*



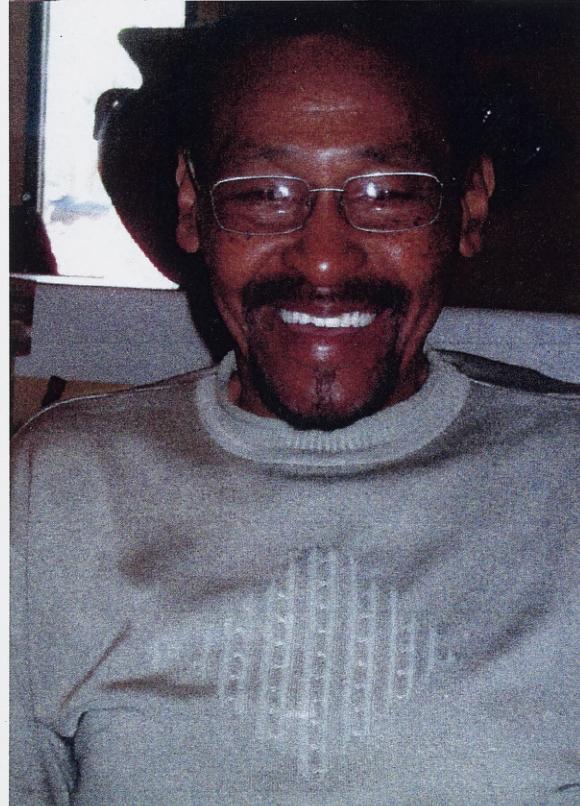
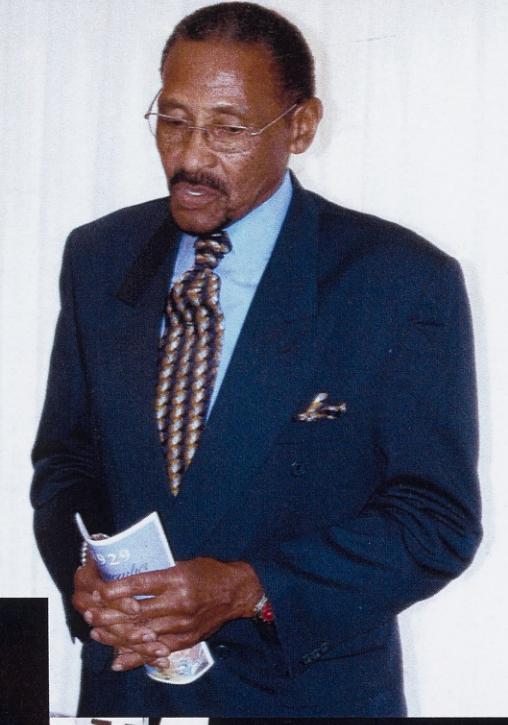
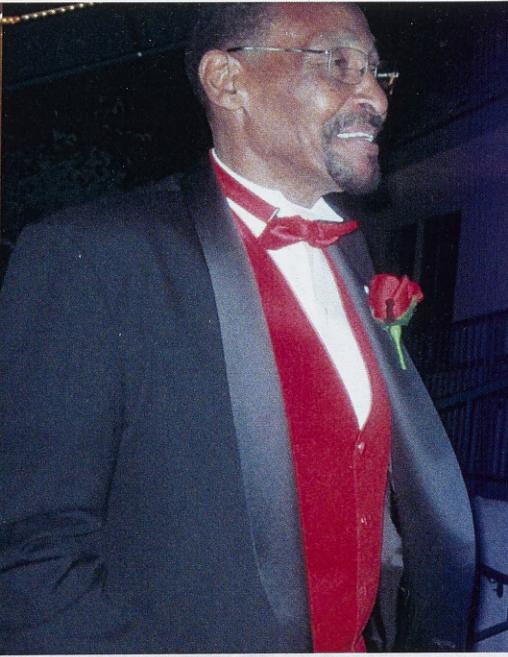
Saturday, March 19, 2016 • 11:00 am

Shield of Faith Church

1750 W. Holt Avenue, Pomona, CA 91768

Apostle Henry B. Alexander, Pastor

Bishop Terence P. Rhone, Officiant • Bishop Ron M. Gibson, Eulogist



Order of Service

OFFICIATE: Bishop Dr. Terence P. Rhone
Mt. Sinai COGIC

Musical Prelude

Processional of The Smith Family "Praise Him" Ericca Hollar-Walker

Prayer of Comfort Co-Pastor Greg McNair, Jr.
God's Harvest COGIC

Reading of the Holy Scripture

Old Testament Psalms 91:1-2 (KJV) Min. Anthony L. Lewis, Sr. (*son-in-love*)
New Testament Romans 8:18 (KJV) Pastor Kendall B. Goslee, Sr. (*son-in-love*)

Musical Selection "Battlefield" Min. Donald L. Fleming (*son-in-love*)

Words of Expression – (2 minutes please) Rev. Robert Williams - (*City of Los Angeles – Crew Leader*)
Superintendent Carlton Anderson, Pastor – (Close Friend)
Lee Ester Smith-Shirley – (*Sisters and Brothers*)
Chantel Y. Turnipseed – (*Grandchildren*)

Special Remarks Mr. Rudolph J. Turnipseed, Jr. (*Son-in-Love*)
Mrs. Eleise M. Smith-Lewis – (*Children*)

Precious Memories *PowerPoint Presentation*

Musical Selection "I Got a Reason to Praise the Lord" Krystal Andrews

Acknowledge and Cards Evangelist Gwendolyn Amie

Resolution Missionary Monique Peevy

Reading of Obituary Sister Mable Bryant

Sermonic Selection "If You Hear of My Homegoing" First Lady Elizabeth M. Rhone

Eulogy Bishop Ron M. Gibson
Life COGIC

~ Parting View ~

Recessional "Joy ~ Halle Halle Hallelujah"

The Life of a True Servant

CHARLES LEE SMITH, was born in Earl, Arkansas May 7, 1938 to Lee and Geneva Smith. Charles was the third oldest of 10 children. Charles grew up in a Christian home, and accepted the Lord as his personal savior at an early age. He was preceded in death by his parents and 2 siblings.

Charles received his early education and attended Junior High School and the first semester of High School in Parkin, Arkansas. He graduated from Jefferson High School in Los Angeles, Ca.

In 1954, Charles was the reason for the family moving to Los Angeles to have a better life style. Because he was highly mathematically inclined, he discovered the "Share-Croppers" were cheating the family of their wages and decided to relocate.

At the age of 16, Charles drove the family car from Arkansas to California. After moving to Los Angeles he assisted his parents with the first down payment of their family house.

Charles was employed with the City of Los Angeles for 40 years, where he retired. He continued his love for driving trucks and added years with Smart & Final for 15 years and retired, as well as driving 18-wheelers for U.S. Postal Service, POST Oil and Tanks, Vons and "Just Run Trucking".

Charles grew up and received his spiritual training at Mt. Olive COGIC under the leadership of the Late Bishop E.B. Stewart, and there he met the love of his life Myrtle Leatrice Wilson of 2 days short of 55 years of marriage. In 1961, Charles married Myrtle and to this union are 5 wonderful and beautiful children.

In 1965, Charles and his family relocated to Pomona, California and joined New Gethsemane COGIC under the leadership of the Late Pastor Leamond Penn, as Charles continued to serve under new leadership, Bishop Raymond E. Watts. Charles served as the President of the Men's Department for many years, and served faithfully on the deacon board. He was devoted and a dedicated servant for 34 years.

He later became a member of Life COGIC under the leadership of Bishop Ron M. Gibson where he served and raised the bar as a devoted "adjutant", committee member of the Trail-Blazers and Couples Ministry. Later in the ministry, Charles became an ordained Minister of the Gospel as he continued to impart the Word of knowledge and wisdom to everyone he spoke to.

In March, 2013 Charles took ill and March, 2016 Charles transitioned to Glory to forever be with the Lord.

He fought a good fight, he finished his course and he kept the faith.

The Life of a True Servant

Charles Lee Smith leaves his legacy of love and fond memories to his wife of 54 years Myrtle Leatrice Smith, his 5 children that loved him dearly: Sheila Renee (Rudolph) Turnipseed, Jr. of Corona, Ca.; Eleise Marie (Anthony) Lewis of Menifee, Ca.; Delphia LaTrice (Donald) Fleming of Compton, Ca.; Patrice Yvette (Kendall) Goslee of Moreno Valley, Ca.; Delvin Lee (Tamara) Smith of San Bernardino, Ca. Fourteen Grandchildren: Rudolph III, Danielle (LaWayne), Chantel, Antaleise, Dominique, Donnell, Anthony Jr., Latrice, Kendra, Nathaniel, Rocky, Kendall II, Delvin Jr., Savannah and Angel. Five Great-Grandchildren: Jerome, Roslyn, Amora, Janelle and Royal. Ten Siblings: Lee Ester Shirley, Willie Lee Smith, Grady Smith, Avery N. Dunlap, Edna Smith, Larry D. Smith and Rickey C. Smith. One Sister-in-Love: Vernelle L. Wilson. Charles leaves a host of his loving nieces, loving nephews, cousins, goddaughters and godsons, friends and church family to cherish his memories and a host of adopted sons and daughters that affectionately called him "DAD-SMITH" and some who personally knew him as: "Lit'Brother".



Love Letter to my husband Charles Lee Smith

If I could give you one thing in life, I would give you the ability to see yourself through my eyes. Only then, would you realize how special you are to me. I treasure the special moments that we have shared over a half of century. The raising of our family, the enjoyment of our grandchildren and even our great grandchildren, what a blessing! The many cruises, how you enjoyed the midnight buffet, the conferences that we attended: MegaFest, Morris Cerullo and The Holy Land Experience that brought tears to our eyes and where we shared together in Holy Communion. Charles, I miss the phone calls and texting twice a day for over 50 years. I appreciate the untiring sacrifice that you made and the provision you provided for your family. The wonderful Communion we shared weekly in our home praying for not just our family but for others for years. Oh yes, I still remember how you re-taught me how to drink out of a straw over 50 years ago (our funny and private inside joke – smile!). I remember the day so clearly, March 2013, the last look I had of you standing there tall in statue. Never in a million years would I have thought, dreamed or knowing that it would be our last look, and the last kiss good-bye. As I looked back in my rear view mirror and it was a look that was very different, a look that I have never seen before. I prayed to God for almost 2 years before I finally received my answer. My prayer was simply, "Lord what was that look?" The Lord said, that was a look of "Good-bye and a look that he will always be taken care of by me."

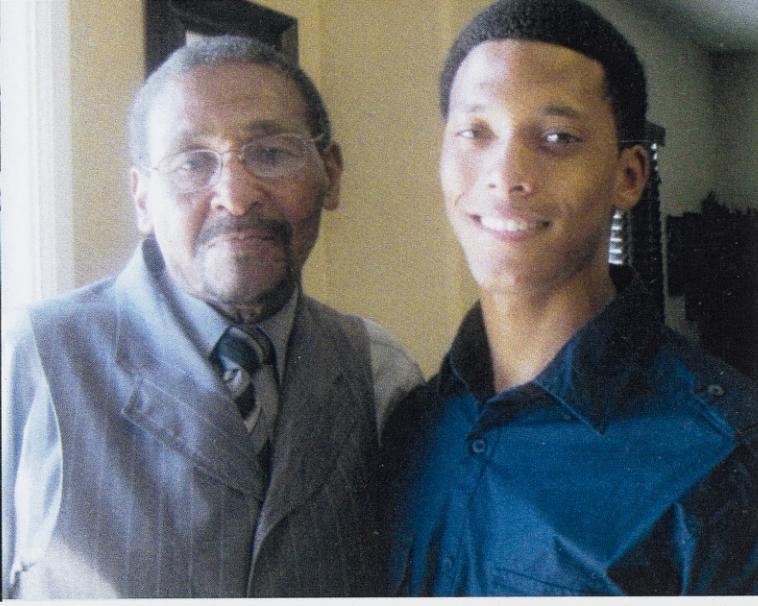
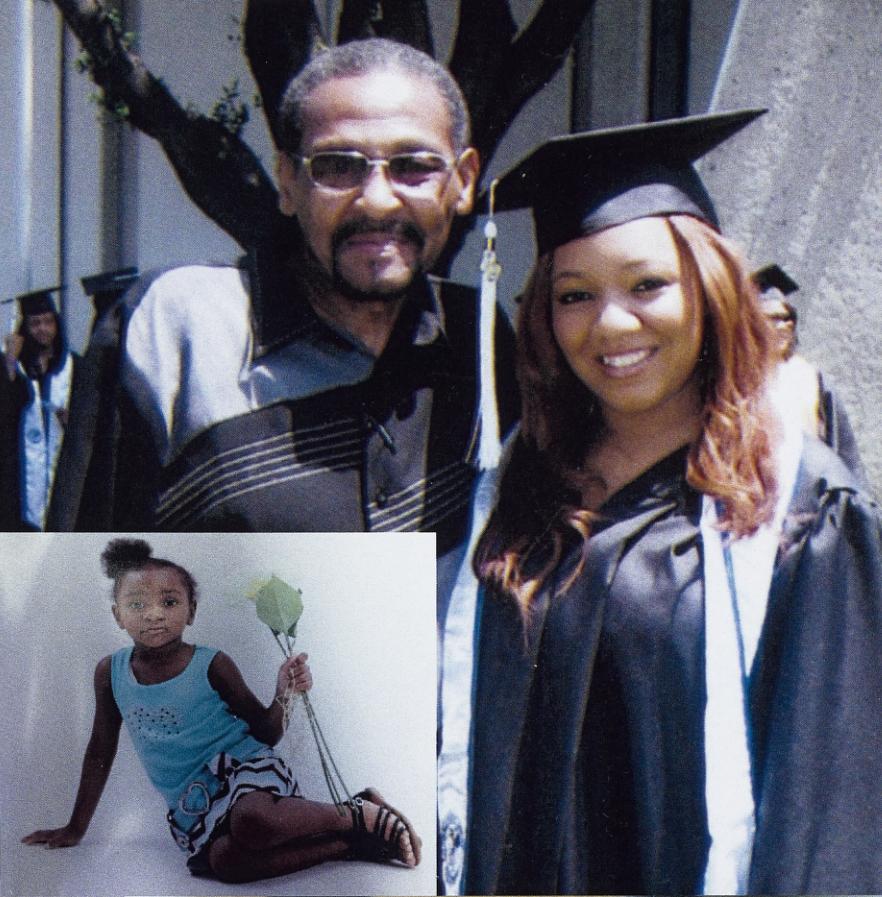
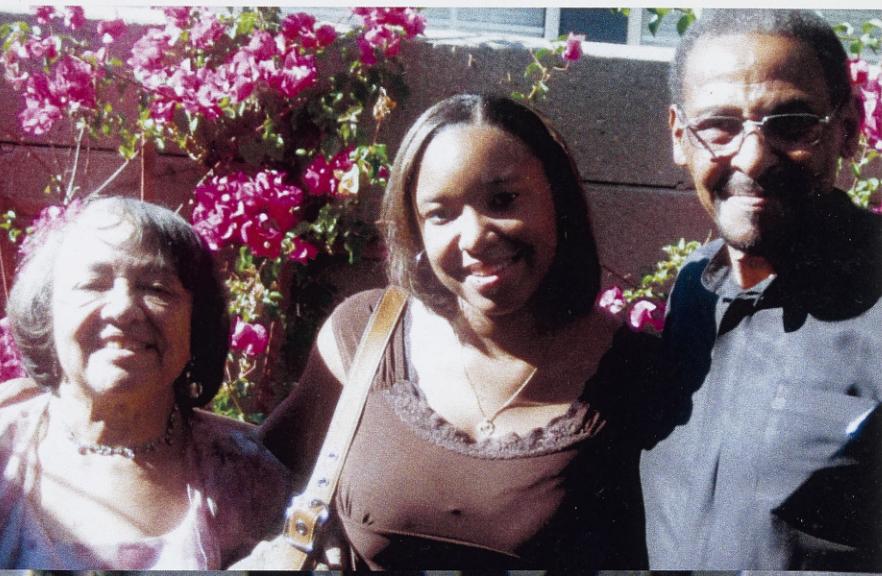
Take your rest Charles, and I'll see you in the morning...

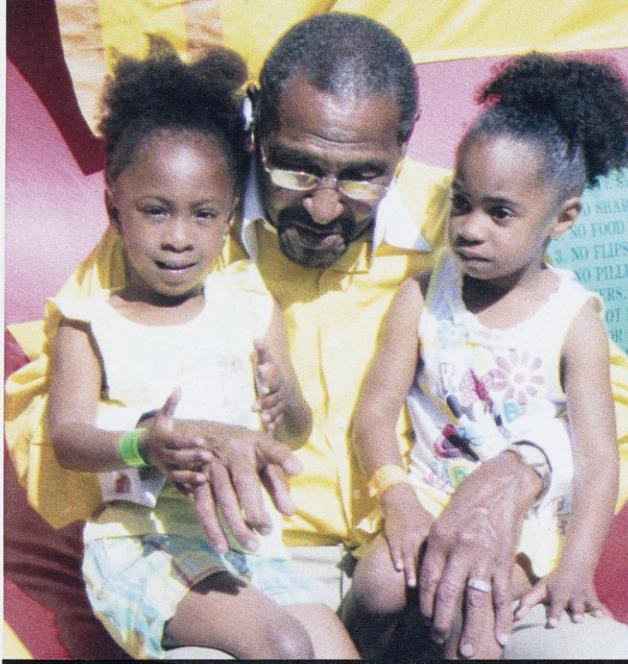
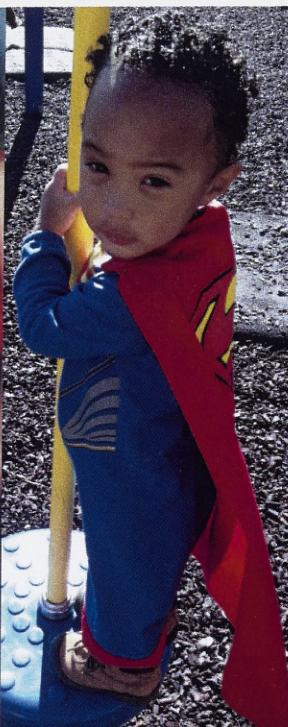
Your Loving Wife Myrtle Leatrice Smith

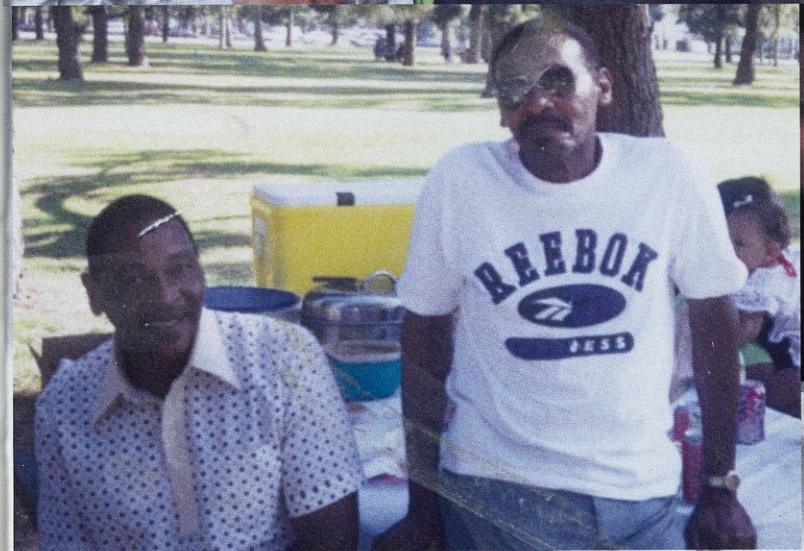
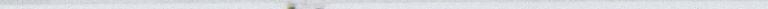


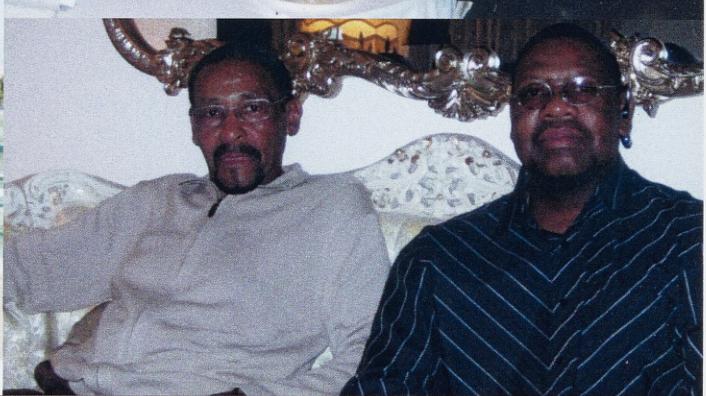




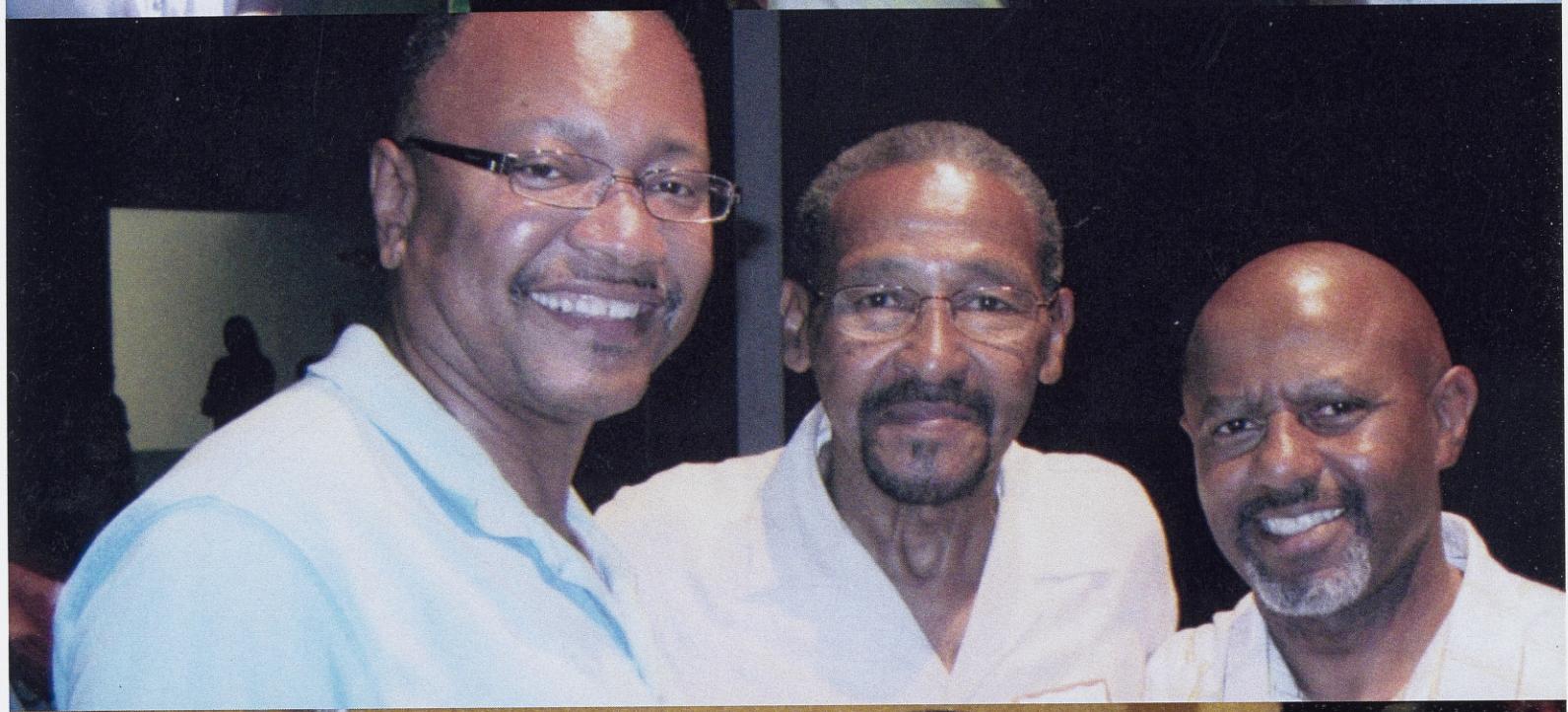












Active Pallbearers

Duane Liggins
Keith Kingsberry
Donald Jones

Donald Norwood
Dr. Greg Richardson
Thomas Johnson

Grand-Honorary Pallbearers

Rudolph J. Turnipseed, III
Donnell L. Fleming
Anthony L. Lewis, Jr.
Nathaniel L. Smith

Rocky J. Campbell
Kendall B. Goslee, II
Delvin L. Smith, Jr.
LaWayne Wilson
William G. Birckhead

Great-Honorary Pallbearers

Jerome Wilson
Royal Turnipseed

Acknowledgements

*The Family of Charles Lee Smith
wishes to express their appreciation
for your many acts of kindness,
prayers, deed and words of comfort.
Your thoughtfulness is appreciated.
May God bless each of you.*

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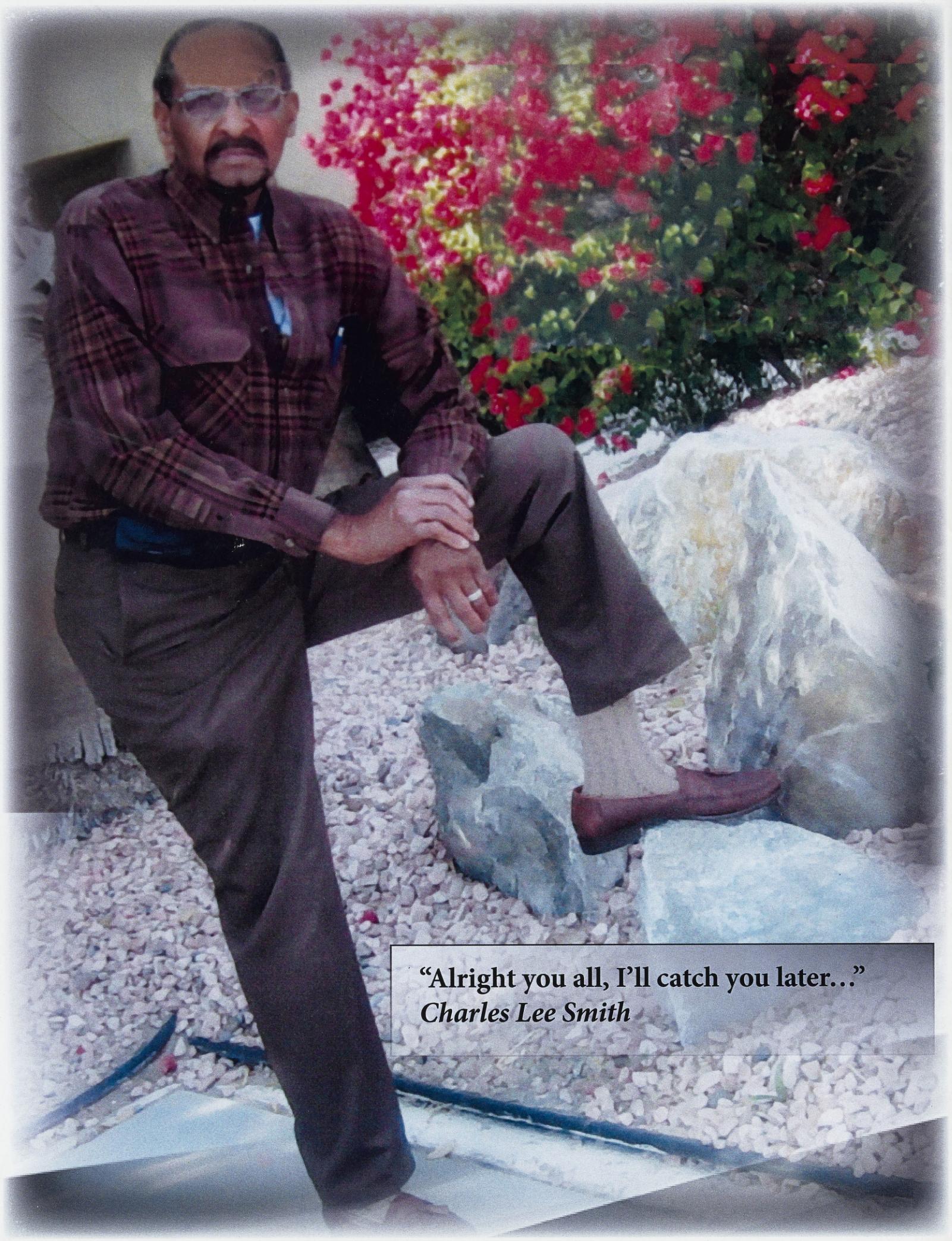
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“Alright you all, I’ll catch you later...”
Charles Lee Smith